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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH

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1. REF PARA 59 REFTEL: (A) I WOULD ENCOURAGE SECRETARY TO EXPAND ON USG'S COMMITMENT AND DETERMINATION TO CONSULT FULLY WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND; (B) ANZUS SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AS A VITAL DEFENSE ALLIANCE AND IMPORTANT FACTOR IN PACIFIC REGIONAL STABILITY AND US SECURITY; (C) WHILE THE MENTION OF ASEAN MAY BE INTENDED AS BRIDGE IN SPEECH, I BELIEVE THE STRENGTH OF US/AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND RELATIONS CAN AND SHOULD STAND ALONE. ASEAN TIES WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND MAY, OVER TIME, SERVE TO STRENGTHEN NEW ZEALAND'S RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. WITH OR WITHOUT ASEAN, HOWEVER, US RELATIONS WITH BOTH NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA WILL AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE STRONG. THESE ARE BASED, OF COURSE, ON SHARED INTERESTS, LANGUAGE AND HERITAGE BUT ALSO BASED ON SHARED EXPERIENCES, TIME-TESTED ALLIANCES AND A MUTUAL DEVOTION TO SIMILAR IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. IN SHORT, I BELIEVE NOW MAY BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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